services in the UT etc. In addition, pay scales are revised/determined on the basis of recommendations of successive Pay Commissions, constituted for this purpose. In case of Pondicherry Fire Service personnel, even pre-revised scales were less than their counter-parts under Delhi Administration.

After receipt of communications, as referred to above, the matter was examined UT Administration have been asked to clarify certain points and furnish full details.

Grant of cash compensatory support for export of Indian system of medicines

2419. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while allopathic drugs are given 15 per cent Cash Compensatory Support and 3 per cent Duty Draw Back on their exports, Indian medicines i.e. Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha are denied Cash Compensatory Support;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for discouragement to Indian system of medicine in comparison to allopathic system of medicines in exports; and

(c) whether Government propose to grant 15 per cent Cash Compensatory Support for Export of Indian system of medicines also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Cash Compensatory Support @15% is at present admissible on export of drugs and drug intermediates, except those appearing in the negative list. No Cash Compensatory Support is presently available to Ayurvedic/Unani/Sidha medicines.

(b) Cash Compensatory Support for export of a product is related to the extent of unrebated indirect taxes and various disadvantages suffered by the product and is determined on the basis of representative cost data from the industry. No cash compensatory support could be fixed on export of Ayurvedic, Unani and Sidha medicines for want of adequate and representative cost data.

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

News-item captioned "Crime without punishment"

2420. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article published in the *Indian Express* of the 9th October, 1988 under the heading "Crime without punishment";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police refused to register a case under the Dowry Prohibition Act on the complaint filed on the 16th August, 1988 in respect of harassment, torture and threat to life of a lady doctor of Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take in the matter; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to revamp/streamline the working of Dowry Cell?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.